

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 1, after the title insert as a separate paragraph,

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a national stage application under 35 U.S.C. §371 of PCT/EP99/03218 filed on May 11, 1999, which claims priority to German Application No. 98 10 8534.3 filed on May 11, 1998.

Please replace the 2nd paragraph on page 47, with the following rewritten paragraph:

These and other embodiments are disclosed and encompassed by the description and examples of the present invention. Further literature concerning any one of the methods, uses and compounds to be employed in accordance with the present invention may be retrieved from public libraries and databases, using for example electronic devices. For example the public database "Medline" and other databases may be utilized which is are available on the Internet, ~~for example under <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/PubMed/medline.html>. Further databases and addresses, such as <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/>, <http://www.infobiogen.fr/>, http://www.fmi.ch/biology/research_tools.html, <http://www.tigr.org/>, and~~ are known to the person skilled in the art ~~and can also be obtained using, e.g., <http://www.lycos.com>.~~ An overview of patent information in biotechnology and a survey of relevant sources of patent information useful for retrospective searching and for current awareness is given in Berks, TIBTECH 12 (1994), 352-364.

Please replace the 1st paragraph on page 73, with the following rewritten paragraph:

~~CLAIMS~~ We claim